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SUBJECT: PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETS TO HEAR NICARAGUAN PLEA
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1. RESPONDING TO CONVOCATION BY NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA, OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AFTERNOON MAY 5 TO HEAR LENGTHY BUT LOW-KEY PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE SUGGESTING CONTINUING COSTA RICAN TOLERANCE OF FSLN ACTIVITIES IN ITS TERRITORY AND EXHORTATION TO NEW GOCR GOVERNMENT TAKING OFFICE MAY 7 TO RESPECT TERMS OF BILATERAL TREATIES PROHIBITING SUCH ACTIVITIES. SEVILLA SACASA READ TEXT OF NOTE FROM NICARAGUAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO OUTGOING COSTA RICAN FONMIN FACIO, SUMMARY OF SAN JOSE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
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